THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A pilot plant for the generation of electricity with coal as primary energy source using the Mangnetoydrodynamic principle which involves direct conversion of heat into electricity has been established at Tiruchira-palli under a project sponsored by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. A two year programme of experimental work is presently in progress. Thereafter the possibility of setting up commercial scale plants in any part of India could be investigated.

Use of alien brand names

2110. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in 'Economic Times' dated the 6th June, 1985 captioned "Alien brand names use to be permitted";

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing foreign names to be used for internal trade;

(c) for how long will these names be permitted to be used;

(d) what will this do to our effort of be coming an industrial power, will this not make us subservient to multinationals for life; and

(e) what are the economic gains of using foreign brand names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. However, there has been no change in Government's Policy of not allowing the use of foreign brand names on products for internal sales although, there is no objec- tion to their use on products to be ex- ported.

Disbanded Public Sector tnterprrj©^

2111. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Witt the Minister of INDUSTRY be plsased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are proposing to disband a few Public Sector enterprises including' the Engineering Projects (India) Limited;

(b) if so, which are the Public Sector enterprises that are going to be dubanded and what are the reasons for sued- disband ment; and

(c) with how many turn-key projects in India and abroad the EPIL is involved at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R, R JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) > No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(c) The total number of projects involved is 25; 24 in India and one abrca I

Production of I.PG cylinder*

2112. DR. MOHD. HASHIM IUDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 76 given in the Rajya Sabha or, the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the estimated requirement of LPG cylinders during the next two years; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to accelerate their production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) and (b) The estimated requirement of the oil industry for LPG cylinders is approximately as under:—

1986-87	...	34 lakhs
1987-88	. .	.43 lakhs